

LETTERS

Which passed between Count
Gyllenborg, the Barons Gortz,
Sparre, and others, &c.

A Letter from Baron Sparre to Count Gyl-
lenborg. Paris 25 September, 1716.

My dear Count,

WITH that Cordiality with which I pro-
pose to converse always with you, I will
acquaint you, that three Days ago I
came to know, by a Canal which 'tis needless to
say to you, that you have enter'd upon Business
with some Lords of the chief of the Pretender's
Party, that they take it for granted you are empow-
ered to do it by the King our Master, and in a
Manner that you are inclin'd to believe His Majesty
disapprove the Interests of that Prince.
In the first Place I will tell you, that I shall be
satisfied with it; and then that it is not from a Mo-
ment of Curiosity, that I ask you whether what I have
said be true; but that I may cooperate with you,
indirectly, till I have Powers like yours; with-

out which you know we are obliged to proceed very cautiously.

Do me the Friendship to let me know what is in this Matter, as soon as possible. I have felt you will find your Account in it. I have Writing upon my Hands to Day, that I have Time enough to assure you of my being very truly, &c.

Letter from Count Gyllenborg to
Gortz. London 29 September,
9 October,

IN Answer to your Excellency's Letter of the past I now do my self the Honour to answer that every Body here is of Opinion, that *France* is extremely weak, or else that the King at the Throne and is desirous to purchase *George* at any Rate; for otherwise it is not possible that *France* could condescend to make so enormous a Sacrifice as she does of a King, who cost her so much, and for which the King has have undergone a ten Years War. People here as to lay Wagers, that the young *France* will be dispatched before a certain time, to make Way for his Uncle; but if the King is current at present, proves true, that that is fallen ill of the Small-Pox, it is very probable that Providence may confound his views, which, among other Things, tend to set up *Charles* of Hanover to serve *France* in our stead, and to balance against the Power of the Emperor, with this View that *France* already

ing to consent to guaranty to the *Hanoverians* the
 cession of the Dutchy of *Bremen*. If the Empe-
 ror considers well the Time at which *France* takes
 this Step, and *England* is so forward to answer
 him, he will find that his last Advantage over the
 King has begot a Jealousie in those two Powers,
 who have made them bethink themselves, in good
 time, of securing one another mutually against his
 power. I know not with what Design it is done,
 but the Ministry at present give out, That the Peace
 of the North is actually in Agitation, and that it
 will be concluded to the Satisfaction of the King of
Spain. My Friends would persuade me, that this
 was done in Order to quiet a little the Minds of those
 who my Paper has opened. Be that as it
 may, I can assure your Excellency, that never any
 Paper met with a more general Approbation; and if
 I venture to give my Opinion, I should think
 it not be improper to cause it to be printed
 in *Dutch*, and even in *English* at the *Hague*.
 Your Excellency may be assured, that if these Gentle-
 men make any Answer to it, I shall be ready
 to answer them entirely, and that there is nothing in
 it which I should so much wish for.

Whether they do this or not, I intend to have se-
 veral Facts ready against the Meeting of the Parlia-
 ment, and to publish them by a little at a Time, the
 more of People here not suffering them to
 make Deductions; and if I had wherewithal to
 pay the Expence, I would cause some of them to
 be printed immediately, and the Papers to be con-
 veyed into such Places, that it should not be in the

*John Gyllenborg here owns himself the Author of the
 Remarks of an English Merchant, &c.*

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Power of this Court to hinder the Impression of Intimations which have been made me, touching in bringing in the Pretender; but as I cannot upon that Affair, without an expresse Order from King my Master, I have avoided coming to Particulars.

Ten thousand men transported hither from Sweden would do the Business, and I believe we shall not be at a Loss for Money.

I send you inclos'd the Translation of the Paper which has been publish'd here.

Letter from Baron Gortz to Count Gyllenborg. Hague, 3 October, 1714.

S I R,

I Do my self the Honour to return the Answer to your Letter of the 9th.

I am of Opinion, Sir, that hitherto we have not been much disturbed about the Treaty between France and Great Britain.

Your printed Piece deserves the Applause it meets with. I have sent it to the King, and will not let slip so fair an Opportunity of speaking to your Advantage. I will take Care to get Translations of it into other Languages printed. Let me know, if you please, what may be the Expedient for printing the other Pieces of your composing, which might be publish'd.

You will do well, Sir, not to make any Mention in your Letters to the King, or to your Commanders in Sweden, of what has been secretly said to you about the Pretender.

In the mean Time, you will risque nothing by acquainting me with all the Particulars on that

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but above all, it will be necessary to explain clearly
 somehow Ten thousand Men might do the Business;
 that is to say, what Scheme is contriv'd, and what
 Office is design'd to be offered to the king of Sweden,
 to induce him to enter into this Affair. I have the
 Honour to be most sincerely, Sir,

Yours, &c.

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Letter from Count Gyllenborg to Baron
 Gortz. London th October 1716.

SIR,

I have at present the Honour to answer your Ex-
 cellency's of the 5-16th. I say nothing to the
 Alliance lately made by France. Last Spring
 we offer'd the *Hanoverians* their Guaranty of the
 Possession of *Bremen*, and I doubt not but they have
 accepted it. How do we know but this may pro-
 duce good Dispositions at *Vienna* towards us? 'Twas
 only that Count *Volkra* told Mr. *Petkum*, that
 the Emperor would enter into that Alliance.

I am very glad that my Pamphlet meets with
 your Excellency's Approbation. I assure you, that
 the Pieces that will be necessary, will cost
 at least sixty Pounds. Printers must be brib'd to
 do it, for they run great Risques in printing any Thing
 that displeases the Government: But I will keep an
 exact Account of every Penny.

I would begin with our Treaty, and make short
 works upon it. Afterwards I will print Extracts
 from the Custom-house, to shew the little Necessity
 that is of the Trade to *Petersburg* and *Riga*, espe-
 cially this Year. Then I'll come to *Hanover's* De-
 claration of War, and will examine it, if it is neces-
 sary;

say; after that, I'll proceed to every one of
 Enemies, and I doubt not but to undeceive the
 Nation.

Postscript.

Your Excellency hath seen by my last to Mr. d
Mullern, what I have written upon the *Salp* in
 Question; you will be pleased to send or keep that
 Letter, just as you shall judge convenient; how-
 ever, I beg you would be pleased to inform
 which you do.

There is no Medium, either *Bremen* or the *Ho-*
various must be sacrificed. The latter is
 difficult, considering the general Discontent; ten
 thousand Men would be sufficient: The *M*en-
 tents require but a Body of Regular Troops, and
 they may join themselves: That Body being as-
 sorted in the Month of *March*, when the *W*inds
 reign, and when it will not in the least
 dream'd on, will cause a general Revolt. We
 also have Arms for between Fifteen and Twenty
 thousand Men, and as many Accoutrements as
 be got; for as to Horses we shall have them too.
 Your Excellency may easily judge of what Advan-
 tage this will be to the King, and in my poor Op-
 nion we have no other Course to take, unless we
 willing to give up every Thing. My Friends are
 not in Town, but I shall speak with them some
 the next Week, and then your Excellency may ex-
 pect their Scheme. In the mean Time, I shall be
 of Opinion, That if every Thing could be done
 without making use of a great many *Engl*, that
 would be the less Risque run; so I do not know
 whether I ought to touch upon what the King may
 have further; for altho' they will endeavour to do
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every Thing that I ask, yet as it must be by a Contribution raised among a great many, it may happen that there may be a false Brother. Our Men being once landed, I answer for the rest: In a Country where Nine in Ten are Rebels, and where every Thing abounds we can want nothing. Your Excellency will very soon be inform'd of the rest. In the mean Time, I beg you would remember what I had the Honour to write to you last Summer concerning one N——. No Body knows the Sea and the Coasts better than he, and he is a brave and an honest Man. In short, it will be a glorious Enterprise, which will put an End to all our Misfortunes, by ruining those that are the Authors of them. As to what I have to say of the Time, the sooner will be the better, after the Trade to *Gottenbourg* is ended, or before it begins.

*A Letter from Count Gyllenborg to Mr.
Gust. Gyllenborg at the Hague.
London 2^d October 1716.*

My dearest Brother,

I Am infinitely obliged to you for your regular Correspondence, which I desire you to continue. Pray express to the Baron de Gortz, upon all Occasions, the great Sense I have of his Favours to you; try on your Part to deserve them, and do not let slip the best Opportunity you will ever meet with in your Life, to learn all that will be necessary to you in the Way of your Business.

You will assure Baron Gortz of my most humble Respects; and tell him, that I will not fail to obey his Orders in Relation to the Affair which I am not at Liberty to write of to any Body but himself.

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his Anf^r m from me, to be pleas'd to honour me with
wer concerning the Passes which the Mer-
chants press to have.

Do me the Favour, likewise, to tell Baron Gortz,
that I have seen his Letter to *Petkum* concerning my
Pamphlet; that I had good Reasons to my self for
not owning to him that I was the Author of it: But
that as for others who have spoken to me about it,
I have not taken much Pains to persuade them of the
contrary. I know that *Petkum* treats the Paper which
has been published here as a Libel; he was not of
that Opinion the first Time he saw it; but that is the
Language of the Ministry, and one is sometimes
obliged to sing the same Note with them. I think
the Author has some Reason to value himself that
he has writ intirely in the *Englisb* Taste; that the
Turn he has given to his Paper, has excited the
Curiosity of Thousands, who otherwise would never
have read it; and I can assure you, that even at this
Time there is as great a Demand for it, as when it
was first published.

Be pleased to give this little Note to Baron Gortz.

My Wife and Daughter give their Service to you;
and I am most affectionately yours.

*A Note from Count Gyllenborg to Baron
Gortz.*

London ¹³/₂₇ Octob. 1716.

I Have since spoken with two of the Principals, who
have assur'd me, that there shall be Sixty Thor-
sand Pounds *Sterling*, as soon as I shall shew them a
Line from the King, with Assurances under his own
Hand that he will assist them. As for what relates
to the Scheme, I shall have it within a few Days.
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One of these, who has the principal Direction, assured me, that in this Affair we had nothing to apprehend from the *Regent*.

*Letter from Baron Gortz to Count
Gyllenborg.*

Hague ²/₃ October 1716.

YOU have obliged me, Sir, by communicating to me the Particulars contained in your Postscript. You must absolutely forbear speaking of Money, or appearing eager to learn what Scheme your Friends are upon.

'Tis sufficient to give them the Hearing only, when they are delivering their own Thoughts: We our selves will judge afterwards what Solidity there is in them, and what Plan is best for us to form.

*Letter from Mr. Gust. Gyllenborg to Count
Gyllenborg.*

Hague 3 Nov. 1716.

Sir, my dearest Brother,

THE Letter which you did me the Honour to write to me the 16-27 *October*, came to my Hands on *Saturday* last. I had the Honour to communicate to Baron Gortz what you therein ordered me.

I gave him your Letter to read, as well as the Note. To which he made me the following Answer; 'Tis my repeated Advice to forbear speaking any Thing at all of Money, but to hear People only, so as to learn clearly what they are able and disposed to

to do; and to acquaint me with it, without opening your self to them.

He ordered me to send you the enclosed Copy of his Letter to Mr. Petkam.

I will not fail to do every Thing in the World, to gain the good Opinion, not only of Baron Gortz, but of all those with whom I have to do.

I recommend my self, &c.
Gust. Gyllenberg.

Letter from Count Gyllenberg to Baron
Gortz. London 4 Nov. 1716.

S I R,

IN Answer to what your Excellency hath done in the Honour to write to me in the Postscript of your Letter of the 16-27 past, I grant there would be no Harm in hearing the Insinuations of this Court, if they were made not only without my promise to make Report of them to His Majesty, but also giving them Hopes of His Majesty's being resolved to be reconciled to the *Hanoverians*, and to sacrifice *Bremen* to them for some Equivalent on the Part of the *Czar*. But as without that they will make no Overtures, for fear we should make use of them to increase still more the Distrust which is between the Northern Allies, and so make an Advantage of them, it is not in my Power to get any Thing particular out of them; nor am I able to say of what Service to us their Assistance against the *Czar* would be; but if I were to guess by their Discourse who have been talking with me about it as from themselves, tho' I easily perceiv'd it was by Order of the Ministers, I should believe, that if the Preliminary concerning *Bremen* was settled, the *English* Ministers would be

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very well pleased to repair the false Step they have made, by talking loudly of the Defensive Treaty between us, and by persuading the Nation to give us the Succour therein stipulated, either in Money or Ships. I should fancy also, that we might come to an Agreement in relation to what they ought to help us to take from the *Czar*, by Way of Reprisal for our Losses in *Germany*. On the other Hand, and if we don't submit to them, your Excellency may be assur'd, that as well to justify their past Actions, as to force us to a Compliance, they will prevail upon the mercenary Parliament, which they have at present, to take vigorous Resolutions, and even to declare War against us. This is what we must expect. The *English* Ministers don't mince the Matter: And they have already made it appear, that they will stick at nothing. They are all furious Persons. *Sunderland*, who is, as it were, at the Head of Affairs, and who has got all the Interest he has with the King of *Denmark*, by having consented to what has been done against us, (being besides our Enemy,) is at present at *Hanover*, to take his Instructions from the *German*; and your Excellency may guess he will execute them with all the Boldness imaginable. Your Excellency will therefore find, we ought to make use of this Opportunity to enter into Measures against People, who certainly won't do Things by halves. We must either ruin them, or be undone our selves, that is, if it be in their Power to bring it to pass.

I have given the King of *Denmark's* Declaration to be printed in the *Post-Boy*; who, in that Passage which speaks of certain Representations made by the *English* Minister and Admiral *Norris*, hath not ventured to name the King of *Britain*, but hath only put it, that the Minister of a certain Prince, as well as his Admiral, had made those Representations, &c.

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Your Excellency sees by this in what Awe the Papers are kept, and the Difficulty there is to get any Thing published that may give Offence.

People talk more than ever of our having made Peace with the *Czar*. The Envoy of *France* is very solicitous for Information about it, probably because that would disconcert the Plan that has been agreed on at *Hanover*, as far as I can gather from his Discourse.

I am continually tied about Passes from your Excellency. There is no Body but the Merchant I have contracted with will send any Corn to *Sweden*, but several will send other Merchandises. I send my Brother a Letter which my Merchant has received from *Sweden*, from the Master of his Ship. Your Excellency will see there, amongst other Things, how ill our own Nation uses us. I also send him the *Gazette* which is printed here, by the Authority of the Secretaries, that your Excellency may see what Endeavours are used to represent every Thing to our Disadvantage.

I received last Post a Letter from Count *Dernath*, who sends me Word in the most obliging Manner in the World, that notwithstanding the Scarcity of ready Money in *Sweden*, he will forthwith Honour the Bill I have drawn upon him by your Excellency's Orders. I expected no less from Count *Dernath*, who, notwithstanding a long Absence, preserves still the sincere Friendship which he once promised me, and which he has given real Testimonies of upon all Occasions; but there's just now another Disappointment happened, which is, that Mr. *Tharm* sends me Word, that it will be difficult for him to get this Money returned immediately after he has received it. So that notwithstanding all the Favour both of your Excellency, and of Count *Dernath*, I shall perhaps be still a long

long While without a Supply, unless your Excellency does me the Favour to assist me in the mean Time with the Sum I have made bold to desire, and which I want beyond Expression. I must also beg of your Excellency, that as the King's Ministers have been always paid in Crowns in Specie, and those reckoned according to the Course of the Exchange between *Stockholm* and *Hambourg*, that you would be pleased to give Orders to have this done after the same Manner; for unless it be so, the Loss in the Return will be too great. I have the Honour of being, &c.

Carl. Gyllenborg.

Postscript.

My Friends are now in Town. An Express which came to them Yesterday from the Pretender, will put them in a yet better Condition for forming a Plan. To Day they are going about it. There are only five or six of the most considerable Persons consulted. They would know, in Case we agree, whether the Money must be paid here or elsewhere, or if it must be sent over to *Sweden*; they have also asked me, if we had any Occasion for Sea Officers, for then they could furnish us with good ones.

Letter from Count Gyllenborg to Baron Gortz. London 13 November 1716.

SIR,

I Had the Honour of acquainting your Excellency in my last, that I would take the Liberty which I now do, of giving you my poor Sentiments concerning the Business contained in your last Postscript.

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The Sum whereof is what I have already hinted, that we must determine one Way or other, and do so speedily. We have not, in my humble Opinion, any Time to lose in Consultations. If we do, we take Advantage of their present Animosity, it will cool; for the Court, that is to say, the Party of the Prince, does all that is possible to gain them. With the most considerable, it would perhaps be necessary to go on roundly: They run the Hazard of their Lives and Fortunes in declaring themselves, so that they will not speak but upon good Ground. And as to the People of the second Rank, believe that it would perhaps be dangerous so much to hearken to their Proposals, these Proposals of theirs are of so little Consequence, and so confused, that one should not be able from them to form an Idea of the Affair. I should likewise be of Opinion, till I receive fresh Orders from your Excellency, the safest Way will be to avoid all Conversations of this kind.

My Merchant has given me to understand, that the Custom-House they have refused to give the necessary Documents to the Ships which are bound to the North; however, I hope I shall find out Ways to disappoint their Malice, that is to say, in case they do not go on, as they have begun to frighten the Masters of the Ships, and the said Masters do not refuse to undertake that Voyage.

Mr. Walpole is returned to Day for Holland, and swears at Court, that he came only on Account of his private Affairs. If so, he has been very expeditious; for considering the Audiences he has had of the Prince, and his Conferences with the Ministry, he has had very little Time to look after his own.

I take the Liberty of sending herewith a Letter for the Baron de Mullen, which as it contains what your Excellency will see in the Gazette, I

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think it worth While to give your Excellency
the Trouble of sealing it.

I beg, &c.

of your Excellency,

Carl. Gyllenborg,

*Letter from Mr. Gustavus Gyllenborg
to Count Gyllenborg. Hague 17 Nov.
1716.*

My dearst Brother,

My last of the 23th I had the Honour to pro-
mise you by this Post ~~some~~ ^{four} Pieces which will
show you what is passing at this juncture in the
~~Swedish~~ ^{Swedish} ~~State~~ ^{State}. I shall now have the Honour to
perform it, but first I must tell you that they are kept
secret.

Now then to the Point, I have the Honour to
tell you, That on Tuesday last arrived here a
Letter from Baron Sparre, importing that he had
succeeded in his Solicitation to have Mr.
Lindsköld to the King. In his Letter was inclosed
a Letter from the Duke of Ormsund to Baron Gortz, in
which the Duke says, That the King his Master had
ordered him to let him (Gortz) know, that he ex-
pected a Supply of Money, that he will then
pay fifty thousand Pounds Sterling to his Swedish
Majesty, leaving the Disposal of it intirely to him,
and he begs him to look upon this as only a Token
of his good Will to his Swedish Majesty.
The bearer of the Letter added, That the Remit-
tance might be made, as should be directed, either
to or to M. Sparre has since told the
bearer, in Confidence, of the Men of War that

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we have bought in *France*, which will be ready delivered. And that we are soliciting the Court of *France* to send a Person to the *Czar* to make Advantage of the pacifick Disposition he is now in. But as the Solicitation meets with many Obstacles, and that besides, *France* does not appear over-forward to do any Thing for us, unless it be in concert with *Spain*. *M. Sparre* told him further, That my Lord *Mar* has a Cousin German, named *Erskine*, with the *Czar*, who is Physician and Privy Counsellor to that Prince: that his Favourite has writ Letters to my Lord *Mar*, giving a very particular Account of the *Czar*, viz. That the *Czar* will not attempt any Thing more against the King of *Sweden*; That he has fallen out with his Alliance; that he can never be Friends with King *George*; that he hates him mortally; that he is sensible of the Cause of the Pretender; that he wishes for more than a Conjecture in which he may be able to restore him to his Dominions; that the *Czar* has the Advantage wholly on his Side; cannot make the first Step; but if the King would make the least advance, there would be very soon an Accommodation between them.

The Pretender has sent to desire Baron *Sparre* to procure him Leave to retire to *Stockholm*. *M. Sparre* has returned Answer, That as this would be the same Thing as declaring War by Sound of Trumpet, it would absolutely spoil the Business in Hand. That my dearest Brother, is the Substance of what I have deserved your Attention.

Letter from Baron Gortz to Baron Sparre:
12 November, 1716. inclosed in
the preceeding Letter.

I Still look upon the sending of Mr. *Lench* as very uncertain, because I am persuaded that *France* will not take any Step that may give the least suspicion, or by which they may disgust *England*, before they have finished the Treaty of Alliance that is now depending.

Yet methinks they might venture to intimate to the Court of *England*, That they have a Mind to send a Person to the King, to sound his Majesty's Inclinations more thoroughly touching a Reconciliation, in Order to qualifie themselves the better to do good Offices.

As to the Affair of *England*, and the Duke of *Ormonde's* Letter to me, of which you have sent me a Copy, I cannot forbear telling you frankly, Sir, That my Scheme upon it be not approved and complied with, I cannot enter at all into that Affair. 'Tis upon the Foundation of my Scheme that I have actually presented the Matter to the King, and it would be doubly to spoil all to make me depart from it.

Any reasonable Man will easily comprehend the impossibility in this Case, of settling a Treaty in *form*. Doubtless it would be running too great a Hazard on both Sides, to depend upon its being kept secret; the best Way is, to prepare on each Side the Materials necessary for the Work before us. When all is ready for Execution, 'twill then be Time enough to make Treaties, if it be judged requisite.

I do not know even whether it would be right to do what is desired under the Name of lending Assi-

stance; and I am very much inclined to think, that it would be better to avow openly our own Intention, and the Concern we have for maintaining the English Liberties.

Your Friends must place so much Confidence in us, as to furnish us with what we want, to put our Selves into a Condition of becoming useful to them: the Sum required is not exorbitant, Three hundred thousand Crowns may satisfy us at present, for we want Nothing but to augment our Naval Force at *Gotterdam*.

I do not see what Hazard your Friends can run by this. I will give them sufficient Security, and in the Humour all the World knows the King is of, they may very safely conclude, That if his Majesty should not be able to satisfy and effectually charge this Loan by a real Assistance, he would not all be possibly could to reimburse such Friends; rather, because his Majesty would not have it known that he had touched any Money for such a Purpose as this is lent.

Those Gentlemen might, however, the more engage the King's Affection to their Cause, by their Offer in Terms implying the same Thing that is expressed in my Scheme; tho' for my Part I am against accepting it on any explicate Condition, which might distinguish it from a common Loan. But all depends upon their determining speedily, and beginning forthwith to furnish the Three hundred thousand Crowns for the Men of War, without which they must not flatter themselves that any Thing can be done. I am upon the Scent to get a Four hundred Thousand even in *England*.

France cannot reproach us with this Agreement, while no Treaty or Convention can be produced to prove it. What I said above of the cautious

our of the Court of *France* towards *England*, is no doubt applicable likewise to the negotiating of an Accommodation with the *Czar*. 'Tis probable the Court of *France* would not proceed in a Negotiation of that Kind, but by Concert with *England*, and you will grant me that such a Concert would not by any Means suit our Interests. This Reflection leads me into an Opinion, That the Canal of *France* is not at present the most commodious for us. It may suffice therefore to have offered to make Use of that Canal, without pressing the Matter further. Nor can Mr. *Loub* be the Manager of this Negotiation by going and coming to and from *Sweden*, at the Season of the Year we are now in. This requires Time, and if we come to any Agreement with the *Czar*, we must conclude it within three Months at the very latest. The Canal of my Lord *Mar*, seems to me to be still inconvenient and impracticable, because of the Length of Time which that Circulation of Correspondence would unavoidably take up. Yet I cannot but think, That by the Canal of the Favourite Russian, the good Disposition of the *Czar* might be improved, if indeed they are such as have been represented. If the *Czar* comes hither, and one can have a private Conversation with the Favourite, we may certainly carry Things on far, supposing, as I am, That what the Favourite has written be well intended. In the mean While, I am contriving some other Way.

If we fix upon a Project that is in any tolerable Degree promising, I shall not be withheld by the Difficulty and Hardships of the Voyage from being the Master of it my self.

If in the mean Time your Friends would enter into my Scheme, I should be the more sure of bringing them to a thorough good Liking of their Business;

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but I will not venture to convey any Thing of this to His Majesty, otherwise than by Word of Mouth. It is Satisfaction enough to me to know originally that I ought not to fear to give Offence to Sweden by this Part I take upon me to act in this Affair. The old Fancy of the Pretender's retiring to Stockholm, furnishes me. It would be blazing abroad our Intelligence by Sound of Trumpet.

Letter from Baron Gortz to Count Gyllenborg,

Hague 22 November 1718

I Told you in my Letter of *Friday*, that I refused answering yours of the 13th, which I am now going to do. You say, Sir, that as to the matter you are pressed about, it would be necessary to go roundly to Work with the Principals. I am entirely of the same Opinion. The Business then is to be plain. I believe, Sir, it will be thought a sufficient Proof of our Frankness to declare, as you may see, that nothing is more natural nor more sweet than Revenge an Affront one has received, but that on the Point of Prudence it ought to be maturely considered, whether the Motive of Revenge can produce the desired Effect.

If your People do but make the least Reflection on this Rule, they will undoubtedly perceive that it is entirely their Business to make it appear probable to us, in Relation to the Success of the Enterprize which they desire. After that, it will be likewise necessary that they should help us in settling the necessary Points, that is, That they should assist us with Money.

As I run no Risque with you, Sir, I make no Scruple
of telling you in Confidence, that the Business in Hand
has for some Time been Part of my Correspondence
with Ambassadors Sparre.

The principal Members of the present Court of
August, offer on the Part of their Master Sixty thou-
sand Pounds Sterling, *ad captandam Benevolentiam*,
in demonstration thereupon, that the Delicacy of the
Conjuncture ought to Caution us against closing too
hastily with this Offer; but that I propos'd to treat
upon the Foot of a simple Loan; and that in that
Case, being furnished with the King's full Power to
appropriate Money for his Majesty's Service, I might ac-
cept it, giving them Assurances on the King's Part
for Repayment; that if at the same Time, they would
communicate to me a Plan of the principal Affair, I
would not fail to send it to the King; and that if
his Majesty should be unwilling to enter into the
Design in Question, he would at least pique himself
upon taking Care, that the Sum which I should have
borrowed in his Name, should be punctually dischar-
ged; that the Lenders would run no Risque of their
Money; but that on the contrary, they would have
put it out to a good Advantage; and that in short,
the Offer being made upon the Foot before mention-
ed, without stipulating any other Conditions, than
being reimbursed, the King might be more effectually
wrought upon by that Mark of their good Will, than
by directly soliciting the Succours they desire. I ad-
ded to all these Intimations, that in Case the King
missed the Project of a Revolution to be brought a-
bout in England, it might perhaps do better to give a
Turn to this Enterprize, under Pretence of reveng-
ing the unworthy Proceedings of the King of England,
and of maintaining the *English* Liberties.

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You have herewith, Sir, the Copy of a printed Contract, which I have just now settled with several private Persons in this Country. You will find, that there is a considerable Advantage to be had, which it was necessary to allow to Strangers, since the Body in Sweden had Courage enough for it. If our People had a Mind to engage in it, abstractedly from the Grand Affair, I would admit them forthwith to the Sum of Three hundred thousand Crowns. The King's printed Patent, wherewith you have herewith a Copy, sufficiently secures every individual from all Frauds with Regard to the States Bonds, which the Mony is advanced.

But we must determine speedily, or lay aside Hopes, as I have just now observed to Ambassador Sparre, in a Postscript which I communicate to you. If the Thing be taken upon the Foot before proposed, it may go on; but otherwise Nothing will be done. In a Word, we must have Money, and that, we must know what they are in a Condition to do in England, and how far they think they ought to engage in the Matter, so as to procure and maintain it.

As to what remains, Sir, I repeat what I told you in my last Letter, about the sending Rye, Barley, and Malt to Gottenburg.

I desire you to get as much carried thither as possible, and before the Frosts come. I could wish with you could find out Merchants who would care to send fresh Provisions of the said three Sorts into Sweden next Spring, whether they be transported directly from England, or else from Koenigsberg Dantzick, by Means of my Certificates or Passes.

If you can agree for a Quantity, to the Value of Hundred thousand Crowns, I should instantly upon Delivery, make good half the Payment in Bills of Exchange.

change, which should be accepted before Winter yet
by their own Correspondents in Sweden.

Give me Leave, Sir, to recommend this Point to
you, as a Thing of the last Importance for the Service
of the King, and the Preservation of your Country.

I am, &c.

The Postscript to Baron Sparre mention-
ed above. *Hague, 20 Nov. 1716.*

YOU take no Notice to me of the Affair of Eng-
land. If it cannot be settled soon enough to be
communicated in Sweden, and to have an Answer from
thence before the hard Frosts come on, our Friends
will give over all Thoughts of it. For when Winter
is past, the Time will be too short for conceiving
what is necessary, and we shall have lost the Opportu-
nity of getting the several Materials ready fitted for
our Work, so that it will be best to lay it quite aside,
till Persons who have interested themselves in it,
may making good their Promises by actual Perfor-
mance.

Letter from Count Gyllenborg to Baron
Gortz. London 4 December, 1716.

SIR,

AS soon as I had received your Excellency's Letter
of the 23d past, I went to one of the Principals
in his own House, with whom I have had a long and
intimate Friendship. I shew'd him your Excellency's
Letter, which I seconded and enforced the best I could.
Whereupon he asked me whether I had spoke of it to
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any one of his Party; and I telling him I had not, he desired me for the Love of God not to divulge it. We were made to believe from *Avignon*, said he, that all went on currently in the right Tract, and that Baron Gortz had accepted our Offer, and had given positive Assurances, on the Part of the King of Sweden, of his Assistance. We have been pressed on the Affair of Money, and to form a Scheme, and we have actually applied our selves to both the one and the other. In the midst of all this, here are three Letters arrived from *Avignon*, and shew no further Signs of so much Haste. This Change has very much perplexed us, we not knowing to what to impute it, unless to the Prince's Indisposition. But all is become clear. They were too sure of their Point at *Avignon*, they reckoned absolutely on the Assistance of the King of Sweden; and now they are afraid on one Hand of damping our Courage, by owning frankly that they had deceived themselves; and on the other, they are not upon an Uncertainty engage us to supply them with Money, being sensible 'tis the last we shall give them, if we should find it employed to any other purpose than we proposed to our selves; and unless correct Assurances be given of our having the Sum we need. You see therefore, continued he, of what Consequence it is, if you wish us well, that you do not make known to any Person what I see our Court at *Avignon* conceals with so much Care.

If you act otherwise, you will destroy the Credit of the Chevalier de St. George here, which perhaps will be of necessary Use to you, and you will make his Adherents your implacable Enemies; for if their Design fail, they will be regardless whether Sweden perishes or not; and yet you know, that 'tis they who have hitherto defended your Cause, as well in the Country, as in the Parliament of *England*, and who have

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have obliged your Enemies to act with more Caution and Reserve than they wou'd otherwise have done: You will yet have Occasion for their Assistance in the next Session of the Parliament of *England*, which your Enemies are preparing to incense terribly against you, as well by Pamphlets which are already actually in the Press, as by Petitions of the Merchants who have lost their Ships, and who now meet twice a Week to consult.

Now, said he, to return to Baron Gortz's Letter, give me Leave to tell you freely, that if the Question was explicitly and simply, Whether we would assist the King of *Sweden*, and we consented, it might then be worth while to ask what Security we required, and what Gain we insisted on: But that is not the Case at present, nor ever will be. For I must own to you ingenuously, that there are very few among us, who have any Concern for the Interests of foreign Princes, any longer than while they affect our own, and that even very palpably, *Manus nostra oculata sunt, videmus quod vident, Our Eyes are in our Hands what they see we believe*. So that for you to flatter yourself, that out of Respect or Friendship, we should part with our Money to any one whatsoever, would be to know nothing of us. You can never alter our Minds on that Article; so you must take us just as we are.

As for Gain, can we hope for greater in any Country, than what we have at home, without risking our Money? Do we not make 7 or 8 per Cent. by the publick Funds, and this upon the Securities of the Parliament of *England*, and are paid punctually every Quarter? Thus this Question being utterly unreasonable, 'tis necessary to form another, and let that be whether we are willing by a pecuniary Subsidy to merit the Assistance of the King of *Sweden*? To that I answer,

answer roundly, Let us but be assured on the Word of his Majesty, upon whose bare Promise we will not more than on all the Securities and Engagements of others.

I say, let us only be assured that by our Merits we shall merit his Help; and actually have it; after which let us but know what you would have us do, and we will make such Efforts, that his Majesty shall be content of giving us his Royal Word to assist us.

But Sir, added he, what must we think, when in a Negotiation of three Months or more, we are in Uncertainty upon what ought to be the chief of all our Undertakings, I mean the Assistance of the King of Sweden, and even whether we are to supply our Money, not the Help we ask, but barely to answer whether we shall obtain it or not?

How can we run into Expence, expose our Lives, and in short endanger our Fortunes and Lives, perhaps his Majesty's Refusal may stop us short, and subject among other Things to the Fear of being deceived by those, who seeing the ill Success of our Affairs, and that there is nothing to be hoped for from our Side, may endeavour to make their Fortunes by striking in with our Enemies, and sacrificing to them.

Let us examine all this, and you your self will find, that we should hazard too much in following those who leave us in such an Uncertainty. On the other Hand, what does the King of Sweden? Is not our Government his Enemy as far as his Power? Does it not assist his Enemies in every respect, and will it not assist them more this coming Year?

What can be said against him, if after the Example of Scipio he carries the War into their Country, we have been desirous, and are so still to carry it

him? This Diversion will be so much the greater as it will be unexpected; and there is the more Reason to hope for Success, because the whole Country is disaffected: 'Tis also probable that half the Army will be disbanded by the Parliament of England, and 'tis certain great Part of that Army will desert on the Approach of a sufficient Body of Troops.

But suppose this Enterprize should not succeed, would this Government be more bent upon the entire Ruin of the King of Sweden than it was before? and when King George's Desire to have the Country of Russia is satisfied, will our Government be less sollicitous by what Means to prevent the Czar's aggrandizing himself? Let me beg you, said he, to represent all this to Baron Gortz, and I am sure he will change his Opinion, and that he will not let slip by desiring an Opportunity so beneficial for the King of Sweden, and so glorious for himself. Tell him this, if you please, that there is nothing more proper than what he demands as to a Scheme, and the Means of supporting the Affair. But he must give us the Encouragement to see that we are not labouring in vain, and running all Hazards without any fair Prospect. One positive Assurance given at Amstcrdam, will put all in Motion; but without that all will drag. As to the Colour which the King of Sweden may put upon his Enterprize, I shall always have that Opinion, said he, which Baron Gortz himself would have me entertain of his Scheme, namely that the King of Sweden intends sincerely to restore the Chevalier; but I am much afraid, that the rest of my Party will take this Affair in quite another Light, that is to say, that they will imagine, his Swedish Majesty having not given any Promise to our Chevalier, nor declared for him, will make no other Use of this Enterprize, than only to compass his own Designs, exclusive of the Chevalier,

valier, and to oblige King *George* to come to *those* Terms.

But in this he will find himself deceived; for the greatest Part of the Nation being at present inflamed with Jacobitism, and set a longing for the Return of him whom they believe their lawful Sovereign, they will not join any Person who does not declare openly for him; on the contrary, perceiving 'tis only a foreign Quarrel, which draws the King of *Sweden* into, vexed to see their Expectation frustrated, and not knowing how far his Majesty's Resentments may go, and who will be exposed to his Vengeance, or who be exempt from it, they will fall into the common Humour of the Nation, which is to unite all, notwithstanding their past Feuds, against a foreign Power.

This is so true, continued he, that if the Chevalier de *St. George* had not an *English* Father, and been born in *England*, all his Pretensions would avail him nothing with the common People; who when the Contest is only between Foreigner and Foreigner, will certainly declare for him in Possession, without much Regard to the Justice of the Cause.

For what remains, added he, I entirely agree, that the maintaining of the Church of *England* ought to be one Topick in the King of *Sweden*'s Manifesto. This is the more necessary, because it would serve to fix the Minds of such of our Party as are disturb'd about the Chevalier's Religion.

His *Swedish* Majesty would likewise act in his known Character, which is to be on all Occasions solicitous for the Welfare of the Protestant Religion.

This, Sir, is what was most material in my Conversation with my Friend, who I assure your Excellency, is a Man of solid Judgment, and so well informed

informed of what passes at *Avignon*, that he told me a long Time ago what was negotiated there on our Part, tho' I took no Notice of it, while I saw nothing particular about it, either in your Excellency's Letters, or in those of Monsieur *Sparre*. He even told me, That a certain Relation of my Lord *Mar's* was confident of doing us very good Offices with the *Czar*, and that it had been intimated to Baron *Sparre*. But being tender of intruding into the Provinces of others, I reckoned your Excellency would be better informed of this the direct Way.

I make Use of the same Friend to learn, whether it be possible to ship off Corn from divers Ports, as well of this Country as of *Scotland* and *Ireland*; I am apprehensive of some ill Offices from the Ministers even in that Affair. I have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect, &c.

Carl. Gyllenborg.

Postscript. 4 Dec. 1716.

It is impossible, Sir, for me to promise you to send a great Quantity of Corn to *Sweden* before the frosty Weather, because, as I have already had the Honour to acquaint your Excellency, Ships cannot be hired to make the Voyage in the Winter. I must do my Merchant the Justice to own that 'tis not his Fault. *N——* himself, tho' determined at first to go back to *Gottenburg*, has let his Wife dissuade him from it. Perhaps I may still get two or three Ships to go before *Christmas*, if the Weather continues open; however, I cannot make sure Account of this. As for Corn the next Spring, I have caused further Inquiry to be made in

in Scotland, and even at *Dunick* and *Koningsburgh*. When I have Answers from all these Places, I will compare the Prices and other Terms, and agree upon the most reasonable and practicable. Let your Excellency be satisfied only, that I will not be a Moment to obey your Orders. Since we have Time enough, I know not whether the best Way would not be for some Merchants of *Gottenburg* to furnish me here with Bills of Exchange for the Sum, which I would employ an honest Merchant here to lay out in buying Corn in his own Name, and to ship it off as his own, insuring it, that we may not run any Risk. 'Tis a very awkward Thing to do with empty Hands to contract for great Sums. I do not know how it will go now, but 'tis certain, last Summer, in all *England*, (for I sent to all parts) none but *N——* alone would be concerned in this Matter.

The Merchants trading to *Muscovy* have this presented a Petition to my Lord *Townsend*, setting forth that they have sustained great Losses by the seizing of their Ships, representing among other Things, That they were *Swedish* Privateers, commanded by *English* Subjects, who did them the Damage. This is a small Prelude of the Storm which we are to run through in the *Farther*. Now I am mentioning a Storm, I am to tell you That several Merchant-Ships, which came hither with Admiral *Norris's* Squadron, are arrived at the Ports of this Kingdom. As for that *Swedish* Ship, 'tis believed it was driven back by the contrary Winds which still continue violent. I shall leave to your Excellency, whether for encouraging the Landing of Corn as early in the Spring as possible we ought not to grant a Premium of one Dollar per Mynt per Ton to those, who shall import

Estrenburg before the Month of *March*; in Confirmation that the Freight of Shipping is higher at that Season than at others.

I am, &c.

Carl. Gyllenborg.

Letter from Baron Gortz to Count Gyllenborg. Hague, December 11. 1716.

SIR,

I Have received your agreeable Letter of the 4th Instant, I shall have the Honour to answer the Contents of it, that the stronger the Reasons which are alledg'd to make us enter into the Affair you know of, the more should People be persuaded of the true Desire that we have to undertake the Thing. It is superfluous to suggest Motives, and we have no Need of a Spur: As I am acquainted with you, Sir, I will freely tell you, that even before my Departure from Sweden, we were already on our Side disposed to this Expedition. It is easy to believe that those Dispositions were increased, in Proportion as the Animosity of the Court where you are hath continued increasing. There is therefore now no other Question, of the Means to satisfy our just Desire of Revenge. We have in Sweden Troops more than enough for that Purpose; but what suspends our enterprizing Action, is, That,

First, We have not the Ships necessary, as well for transporting the Troops, as for the Convoy it

Secondly, We do not know how it is proposed to sustain the Troops when they shall arrive at the intended.

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Thirdly, Horses must forthwith be found to mount the Cavalry. It is well known, that when one enters into an open Country, the first Impression must be made by the Cavalry.

Fourthly, We must know the Number of Tonnage that's thought requisite for this Expedition, in Order to regulate thereby the Armament of the Ships.

It is true, Sir, that for several Months last past we have had some Discourse upon these Matters with the Court of *Avignon*. They have declared themselves very well satisfied with the Measures which we have spoken to them, and have promised not only to give the necessary Explanations of the Advances of Money proposed, but also to furnish instantly wherewithal to prepare on our side during this Winter, every Thing that concerns the first Step; being themselves of Opinion, that if any Thing be intended to be done, it must be set on foot immediately after the Obstacles of a hard Winter might bring to Navigation are removed; but hitherto all this ends only in vain. However, I have not on my Part lost any Time in this Enterprize. I have bestir'd my self to raise Men of War: I have actually found out some, and have even made Bargains for purchasing others. Between Sixty and Seventy Guns, all well rigged, and they are to be delivered at *Gottenburg* the Beginning of the Month of *March*. The Advance of Money which I asked from the Court of *Avignon*, was only design'd for the Purchase of these Ships, and the Sum did not exceed five thousand Pounds. If I have proposed the Expedient of furnishing us with this Money upon the French common Loan; it was only done, Sir, with a View the better to secure those that were concerned on both Sides, from the Danger of a Discovery.

those that should give the Money, from the Accidents, in Case any such should be, that might render the Design impracticable. 'Tis also the Fear either of some Treachery, or Disappointment which cannot be foreseen, that will hinder us from declaring before we come to the Place where we must shew our selves.

Our Friends will have nothing to object against this Precaution, if they will but consider, That if we throw off the Mask too soon, and should afterwards miss our Blow, we should give the *English* Ministers a very good Argument to carry the Nation into a War against us. into which they would have a great Deal of Trouble to draw *Holland*

This is a Risk of the last Consequence; and would they have us run it, Sir, for a Trifle? I don't know how to qualify otherwise the Money Business Question.

The naval Armament at *Gottenbourg* cannot be equal to us, unless for the Design which they propose to us, and the Money we ask will not be sufficient even for that Armament.

As to the rest, however just and solid I find your Lord's Way of reasoning in other Matters, yet I cannot reconcile the Opinion of the good Faith of the King and his Interest, which your Friend supposes, to the Fear which is nevertheless shewn that we have no other End than to procure for our selves the Restitution of the Dutchy of *Bremen*.

Pray, Sir, what better Security can the King of *Sweden* procure, with Respect to the recovering and the possessing his said Dutchy than by reducing King *George* to be nothing more than an Elector of the Empire? By which Means the King of *Sweden* will make himself to be courted by the House of

Lunenburg as in former Times. Can good Faith and a Man's Word hold out against so solid and evident a Reason, after we have experienced so little Account ought to be made of a Security lodged in Words or in Treaties? To be short, the Question about it, is with us an Affair already decided, nothing remains but to consider the Means.

As I understand the Matter, those that furnish the Money will be in no Danger, they may give it under the Name of Dutch Merchants, and under Pretext of the great Gain that is to be made in dealing with me; the better to colour the Design they may even give Commission to some Dutch Merchants to make an Agreement with me on the Foot of the Contract which I have had the Honour to communicate to you. After this there will remain no other Risk, than that of losing the Money in Case the Design should not be executed; if they had the least Confidence in the Word of the King, this Scruple would vanish immediately. His Majesty piques himself too much upon performing his Engagements, to leave any Room to suspect him. We have fresh Proofs of this; notwithstanding the vast Expences that we are obliged to bear, His Majesty would have the Pretensions of Mr. *Coulart* the other Merchants in *France*, touching the Money advanced to him in *Turkey*, satisfied, and I have actually paid those Creditors.

To conclude, I must tell you again, Sir, That they must come to a Resolution speedily, or that no more of the Affair for all the next Year.

It would also be necessary, That those who manage us well, should labour to get Half the Troops that

are now on Foot in *England* broken, and to hinder any Naval Armament till the Month of *May*.

It concerns us also to know for our Direction, what Number of regular Troops will remain after they shall have got one Half of them disbanded. I reckon that we might imploy from Ten to Twelve thousand *Swedes* in this Expedition; amongst which there should be Four thousand Horse.

When Things shall be put upon the Foot above-mentioned, I intend to go into *Sweden* my self to push on the Execution; for I don't love to rely on other Folks Care in that Particular.

I had also rather concert this Affair directly, and with you, than by the other Way, which I think too long.

My Lord *Mar*'s Relation hath indeed sent Word, That the *Czar* has some Dispositions to Peace, which we will not fail to make Advantage of, that we may be in a Condition the better to push on the Affair in Question. The *Czar* is to be here very speedily. If it could be ordered that the said Relation of my Lord *Mar* should speak to me, I should quickly perceive what might be done there.

You'll easily judge, Sir, that an Agreement with the *Czar*, would give great Weight to the other Affair. I am, &c.

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Letter from Count Gyllenborg to Baron
Gortz. London 18 December 1716.

Sir,

I Received Two Days ago, the Letter your Excellency did me the Favour to write me of the 11th. And I have not deferred the Execution of your Orders

Orders one Moment. I hope to be able to give
an Account of them by the next Mail.

In the mean Time, I shall have the Honour
answer your Excellency's Postscript, that I shall
fail to govern my self as you there direct. If I
hitherto done otherwise, it has been that I
not be accused of ~~not~~ representing Matters as
were on every Side, leaving it afterwards to
Ministers to make Choice of that which they think
most proper. Your Excellency according to
wonted Goodness will forgive me however
saying that in my Opinion whatsoever Resolutions
we take, it would notwithstanding be well to keep
People here in good Humour; that is, that we
should not seem entirely to reject their Proposals
for otherwise they will be prying into the Matter
which render us so untractable, and will
discover the true one, in which Case they will
it to miscarry. Besides, a little Hopes would
them put off longer the pushing the Affair in
liament; and I think that is what your Excellency
seems to desire. Methinks to this End it would be
necessary that your Excellency should write
an Answer, who complains of having received
to his Letters, to shew your Acknowledgment of
the Pains he has taken, and to desire him to go on
Order to keep the Ministers in the same good Way
till your Excellency has received an Answer to the
Account which you have given His Majesty of the
whole Affair, and then we may act with more Vigour.
Besides, as *Petkum* generally shews all his Letters
to *Townshend* and *Borbmar*, I fancy they will there-
by be easily persuaded to believe what they will.
If this Letter comes before the Arrival of King
George, it will perhaps prevent the Impression which
the Germans and Sunderland will be apt to make
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with their usual Violence at their first coming over. I repeat it, that 'tis only your Excellency's usual Goodness that makes me speak my poor Sentiments so freely.

Your Excellency will easily guess by the Frost that is come, that we must think of sending no more Ships before the Month of *February* next. Our Business therefore is to make a Contract for that, and we must make Haste in doing it, since Corn grows dearer daily; so that there is no Merchant will hereafter undertake to furnish us with it at less than 16s. Copper mynt and the Custom free: Now I am speaking of the Customs, I must inform your Excellency that 'tis absolutely requisite that we satisfy N—— in causing him to be repaid the Charges he has been at, as well because 'tis he that has raised our Credit, as on the Account of his being the Factor of all those that deal in Corn in *London*, and so it may be in his Power to do us good or bad Turns. But to return to the Contract we are to make, the Merchants who will engage in it, demand absolutely to be paid in Iron, that their Ships may return with Cargo; so that we must have at *Gottenbourg* the necessary Quantity of this Mettal, and part with some of it to any one, but those who have brought Corn or other Necessaries there. On the other Hand, these Merchants will oblige themselves to pay a considerable Sum as a Penalty, if they don't perform their Bargain within a certain Time, and that to be as soon as possible.

This whole Affair must be managed with a great Deal of Seerety, that our Enemies may cast no Obstacle in our Way; and 'tis also upon this Account that we should methinks keep the Ministers in good Humour.

I here send a Draught of a Contract, half a dozen of which I desire your Excellency to send to make Use of as shall be necessary.

I have seen some Letters from Sweden which mention, That Salt is grown extreamly scarce there, and that they would be glad to be furnished with it. I am therefore to desire your Excellency's Order, whether I may give Passes, in Case any Person offer to send this Merchandize into Sweden: But I must know this by the first Mail, because I must go to St. Hubert to fetch the Salt, before Christmas or immediately after, that they may receive it the Beginning of the Spring.

Carl. Gyllenberg.

The Draught of the Contract will go by the first Mail.

Letter from Count Gyllenberg to Ben Gortz. London ¹¹/₂ December 1716.

Sir,

I Did my self the Honour to promise your Excellency in my last, that I would give a full Answer as this Day to the Letter, which your Excellency favoured me with on the 11th. But as there still remains Something to be adjusted, your Excellency will be pleased to excuse the short Delay I still ask Leave to make.

The Affairs which I am negotiating are in a pretty good Way, and if they continue so, I make Account to send your Excellency an Express on Tuesday next, with the Particulars of the Whole; and at the same Time to set about the Affair of the Bills for Ten thousand Pounds, which your Excellency will charge to me in the Account to be made for the Money in Sweden. The Persons concerned being

I hope, likely to agree with me upon this Point, to avoid offending against the Laws of this Country, which directly forbid the Subjects to lend Money, without an exprefs Permission from the King their Master. I hope at the same Time to be able to send you a Letter from one of my Friends to my Lord Mar's Relation; by means of which you may have an Opportunity of conversing with him in Confidence.

Two Dutch Mails are come in this Day, but without bringing me any Commands from your Excellency.

The Yachts and Ships, which are to bring over the King, are still detained here by contrary Winds.

Mr. Walpole arrived here this Morning from Holland. I don't know what he brings. It continues certain that the Misunderstanding among those of the prevailing Party encreases mightily; it may be attended with extraordinary Consequences in the approaching Sessions of Parliament. In the mean Time I am at Work about my little Pieces, of which I hope to be able to send your Excellency a Specimen by my Express.

I recommend my self to your good Graces, desiring you to be assured of the respectful Attachment with which I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's, &c.

Carl. Gyllenborg.

Letter from Baron Gortz to Count Gyllenborg. Hague 29 December 1716.

I Deferred, Sir, answering till now your two agreeable Letters of the 18th and 22^d. By their Contents I perceive that my Reasoning has

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their Si ailed, and that our Friends will begin on
properly with some real Service, which they ought
us. y to do before they expect any Thing from

I shall be very glad if Matters will take this
Course. It is certainly the best Way to have every
Thing managed by you only, and not to let any
one else appear in this Matter.

I am obliged to make a second Journey to Paris
and am setting out this Instant.

This will not hinder, but that your Express may
be dispatched. If he comes during my Absence, I
leave Mr. *Stambke* here, who will be furnished with
all Things necessary for managing the Affair in Hand.
I mean, that he will be empowered to give a Re-
ceipt in my Name, and Security as sufficient as you
could wish. I reckon the Time of my Absence from
this Place will not exceed a Month.

I leave to you, Sir, to judge whether in the mean
Time you can correspond with me directly, or
whether it be better to direct your Letters to this
Place.

As for Salt to be sent to *Sweden*, I must tell you
there will be no further Occasion for any, because
I have already provided it; but instead of that,
I beg of you, Sir, to have at Heart the Article of
Corn, in Relation to which, I have already consent-
ed to the Conditions which have been demanded of
you. I have the Honour of being, &c.

Gortz.

Letter

Letter from Count Gyllenborg to Baron
Gortz. London 29, December 1716.

Sir,

I Am once more obliged to defer the Departure of my Express till *Friday*. One of the Principal of our Friends is not yet returned to *London*; but he will be here to Morrow. I have the Letters ready for the Physician; but dare not venture them by the Post. While I am waiting for the Chief of my Friends, I shall dispatch to Morrow a Gentleman to the Czar, to endeavour to possess him with pacifick Thoughts. I have given him Letters for my Brother, that he may introduce him to your Excellency, who will give him such Instructions as you shall judge necessary. He is a *Muscovite* by Birth, and having been a long Time known to my Friend, and perhaps even employed on the like Messages, he assures me that we may put entire Confidence in him. I have intimated to him, that he may alledge for the Pretext of his Voyage his natural Inclination to serve the Czar, by which he was induced to discover to him, That King *George* is making all the Offers imaginable to acquire *Bremen* of the King of *Sweden* at the Expence of the Czar, who is to be the Sacrifice of that Acquisition. Your Excellency will add what other Hints you judge convenient. I should think, however, it might be proper that this Man should be kept ignorant of the Canal of the Physician.

I have another Letter for him, which may introduce my Brother to his Acquaintance, and then he may convey Messages between your Excellency and the Physician, till your Excellency shall think
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fit to have an Interview with him. We are assured here that King George will have none with the *Czar*, and they seem to be very little satisfied with that Prince. Your Excellency will have the Goodness to remember what I had the Honour to write to you in my last about my Lord Sunderland. I have learnt since, that that Lord does all he can, to make those of his Party fond of King George's Project to open a Port at *Harbourg*; asserting that *England* will gain more by it, than even by its *West India* Trade. One sees very well whither all this tends; I am working against it. A Member of *Parliament* has desired me to inform him of the Situation and Nature of that Port. I must beg your Excellency's Assistance in it. The Weather which was frosty being now opener, I hope I shall be able to send some more Ships with Corn to *Gottenburg*; But I repeat once more what I formerly desired of your Excellency, that Care may be taken to have Iron there for those with whom I have contracted preferably to all others. I believe I shall engage some Merchants to unlade first at *Gottenburg*, thence to go and take in another Lading of Corn at *Koningsberg* or at *Dantzic*, to carry thence to *Gottenburg*, and then to take their Iron in there. If I succeed, I will give your Excellency the Particulars by my Express. I had the Honour to acquaint your Excellency in one of my former, that I had seen Letters from *Sweden*, complaining of the Dearness of Salt: And several Merchants having represented that now is the Season for going to *Portugal* to lade Salt, and that afterwards it will be too late, but that they dare not send without Passes in your Excellency's Name, I judged that in an Affair so worthy of Consideration, no Time should be lost. So that I have already given them

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some of your Excellency's Passes, for going directly from St. *Ubes* to *Sweden*, they having given me Bond not to go any where else.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

Gyllenborg.

Letter from Count *Gyllenborg* to *Baron Gortz*. London 1 January 1717.

Sir

MY Friend returned from the Country yesterday in the Evening very late. I am to see him this Afternoon, in order to receive the Opinion of the whole Party.

In the mean time, I have taken the Resolution to send Monsieur *Mandell* Express to carry the inclosed Letters to Your Excellency; one of them is for a Scotch Knight, to bring him acquainted with my Brother, who is to deliver the Letter to him.

I hope that Your Excellency will approve of the Diligence I have used upon this Occasion; if it was unnecessary, it is but a little Labour lost, and the Expence I have been at in sending over Monsieur *Mandell*.

I take the Opportunity of this Conveyance by him, to send Your Excellency some Draughts of Contracts which I am about making, and which I beg Your Excellency would be pleased to send me back signed with your own Hand: If we intend to do any thing, we must do it quickly, before the Price of Corn riseth. I beg of your Excellency that you your self would insert in the Contract the Quantity you would have of each Sort of Grain; and I again repeat what I have formerly taken the Liberty to mention concerning the Quantity of Iron necessary
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for the punctual Payment of the Contractors. If we do but keep up our Credit, which begins to recover a little, we may perhaps carry it to a good height. I am about making another Contract with some Merchants, who are to carry Salt from hence to *Dantzig* and *Koninsberg*, and there to take in Corn, which they are to carry to *Stockholm*, we allowing them a Profit of two Dolers upon each Barrel, as we shall agree upon. I am to have an Answer in a few Days, whether this can be done or not: In the Event as it will, I send your Excellency inclosed Draughts of this Contract also, which your Excellency will perhaps think proper to sign, and send me back. As for the Grand Affair, I say nothing of it, till I see whereabouts we are as to the Money. In the mean-time, I send your Excellency the Opinion which a Sea-Officer has given to my Friends, as to what falls in the way of his Business. There is also a little Memorial which Captain *Redell* sent me, upon which your Excellency will perhaps think it proper to honour me with your Commands; it is certain that all such Affairs are conducted with more Privacy here than in *Holland*, what the least Step that we take is known. For a Part of this, all the Merchants here are full of the Matter about which Monsieur † *Cobus* came to *Holland*. We might perhaps find Means to buy those Ships underhand by Merchants, under a pretence of designing to employ them in the way of Trade, who may afterwards send them on a sudden to *Gottenburg*.

Since Writing what goes before, my Friend has been with me, and has told me that the Money, as

† *A Burgomaster of Gottenbourg.*

far as Twenty Thousand Pounds, was ready, if I would but give my Acquittance, that I had received it for the Use of the King my Master; and this only, that he might have something to shew to those who made this Collection, supposing that hereafter they should ask for it. I answered him, That I could not give any such Acquittance, without your Excellency's Order, which I would write for this Post. He told me likewise that they had already, by Order of the Court at *Avignon*, remitted Eight Thousand Pounds to Baron *Sparre*.

Since writing these Lines, the *Dutch* Mail of the 25th, is just come in, by which my Brother advised me, that your Excellency was setting out upon your Journey, it will therefore be unnecessary to send the Express, especially since the two Letters intended are now become useless. I will however send a Duplicate of this next *Monday* by the *French* Post, together with the Pieces abovementioned.

Your Excellency will receive this Day, the Copy of a Letter which Monsieur *Petkum* writ Yesterday to Baron *Sparre*, the Contents of which confirm the ill Intentions of those warm Men into whose Hands the Management of Affairs is going to be put: Particularly if it is true, as Mr. *Petkum* has assured me, that my Lord *Townshend*, to whom he read the said Letter, owned that what he had writ in relation to our Affairs was true. All that we have to flatter our selves with, is, that the misunderstanding which there is among those Gentlemen, may perhaps be of Service to us. Thus much at least is certain, that if we set our selves in earnest about the great Work, the Success cannot possibly fail. I have the Honour to be, &c.

Carl. Gyllenborg.

I do my self the Honour to wish your Excellency
a happy new Year. I must likewise beg the Favour
that you will order me where to direct a Dealer
the best *Barbadoes* Water that is in *London*,
I intended to have sent you into *Holland*.

Letter from Count Gyllenborg to
Gortz at Paris. London 7 Jan
1717.

Yesterday I received the Letters your
Excellency did me the favour to write me
29th past; one concerning the Conduct of the
came very seasonably, I gave it to read to one
Principal Whigs, with whom I have found
contracting a Friendship: As I am to dine
to morrow, I shall know what Effect it has
is already in a good way, and I question not
may be carried yet further by such just Reasoning.

Mr. *Petrum* is charm'd with your Excellency's
Letter to him; he exclaims publicly against the
Hanoverians, for the gross Falseness that
told of him, I believe him innocent as to that
he has told me he will write himself to your
Excellency by this Post. Mr. *Walpole's* Reply is
able. My Friend, who is one of the Champions
the Whigs, has told me the same Thing; it
be not the Effect of the present Discontent,
that the Court will find Expedients, to regulate the
People, I don't know whether the Court will
venture to bring that Matter upon the Stage,
I shall not be satisfied with that.

I am trying to get it brought into Parliament
own way; my Friend is labouring that Point with
me, and to that End is endeavouring to inform him-
self thoroughly of the whole. It was for him that I
demand.

ended the other Day of your Excellency the
 particulars of *Harbourg*; and it is likewise upon
 the Request that I beg your Excellency will send me
 when as may be all that you shall be able to pick
 up in relation to the Treaty concluded between *Han-*
no and our Enemies; particularly if you can pro-
 duce the Agreement; by which the Assistance of an
 Army Force is stipulated to them.

Your Excellency sees hereby what I am now
 upon one side and the other, that is to say, with
 regard to our Friends. I can do nothing before I
 have received your Excellency's Orders upon my
 part. I hope your Excellency will forgive my having
 ordered to fix Ships for Salt, before the Arrival
 of your Letter; I will give no more of them, and I
 trust that what I have done will not have any bad
 Consequence; especially when I acquaint your
 Excellency that I have been obliged to take that
 Step to pacify the Merchants, with whom I con-
 tract the Corn; who feared to take it ill that I
 should have those Passes, at the same Time that
 the Merchants in *N. England*, wanting Ships
 to carry off their Goods, by Reason those which they had sent to
 the West were not yet returned, desired them to
 send their Ships on their Account, to go to *West-*
India with Salt for *Sweden*, and that with
 your Excellency's Passes.

I have received Answers from *Ireland*, but not
 very satisfactory; 'tis true that the Corn there is
 enough, but no Body is willing to lay down
 any Money to buy; they are willing enough to do
 so with the necessary Precautions of making
 the Contract; but that is all. When I know
 the Quantity will be necessary, I'll see what can
 be done; in the mean Time, your Excellency may

be assured, that this Matter is in my Thoughts Day and Night, and the rather, because I am sensible of the great Scarcity that is among us.

I have nothing further to add, but that I can be with a more sincere Respect than I am,
Carl Gortz

I expect your Excellency's Directions, I am to send the *Barbadoes Water*; I have it two Dozen of Bottles of as good Usefulness to be met with in all *Ireland*, which is the Place from whence that Liquor comes.

Letter from Baron Gortz to Count
 borg. Paris 8 January 1717

I Could not acquaint you before this
 I am now authorized to enter into
 which you know of, and that I have
 the Liberty to do in it whatever I shall
 venient. You will be able to judge of
 self by the inclosed Copy of the full Power
 been sent to me. Which way soever I
 fair, I do not see that we can engage in it
 other Foot than that which I proposed to you
 As Interest is the most certain Security of
 and what we are solicited to undertake is of
 Importance, and the most expeditious Means
 establish our own Affairs that can be devised
 Man can doubt that we shall apply our selves
 heartily and earnestly; and that we could do
 nothing better, than to do it without the
 Assistance of others, if the Juncture of Time
 suffer us to dispense with that Assistance.

The only Thing I see wanting for our Purposes are Men of War and Transports; of the first, I can see two in *Holland* and six in *France*, all rigged and armed; and those who have the Disposal of them, oblige themselves to deliver them in that Condition at *Gottenburg* in the Month of *March*. The latter shall not want, but we must immediately set our Hands to the Work, which requires Money! *Mr. Davis* had assured me, that I should find an hundred Thousand *Crown* ready here, but I learnt by my Arrival, That our Friends far from doing what they had promised, are now grown very cool: So I thought best, Sir, to desire you to press your Friends to a speedy Resolution, whether on that point they will further supply us with Money, which we must have to purchase these Men of War, or not. In Case they will, The necessary order it is to be paid to me here as soon as possible, that I may put those who are to furnish me to the Sea upon getting them ready.

If they will not, this Business ought to be broken off, without thinking any further of it, to be ten Weeks more would be doing all, but this is at best; and afterwards the Circumstances of Affairs will so change, that there can be no thinking of it any longer.

In the rest, our Intention was to transport five Thousand Men, Eight Thousand of them Foot and Four Thousand Cavalry, of which Five Hundred mounted.

We are to carry with us a sufficient Train of Artillery, Arms for Ten or Twelve Thousand Men, with requisite Stores of Ammunition. We are to land at the Places whither we should be directed. So that we should have carried with us all that is necessary for acting, except Horses, which

we expected to find in the Country; and all might have been executed without the least Unhappiness being taken; provided, that on the other Side, the Girt were kept. Mr. Spurre tells me, That the Opinion of the Council of those Gentlemen in the Country, is the Treaty between this Court and the ensuing Departure of the Pretender from this Country.

For my Part, I take this Reason to be weak too; for as this Treaty and the Departure of the Pretender out of this Country, must be the Court of England think themselves in possession, and deprive them of the Pretent of having Troops in that Country, our Enterprise will be more easy and more sure. And to secure this Court at the Bottom of their Hearts, it will not be better pleased to have the Pretender, than the Elector of Brandenburg, especially if the first continued to carry his Troops towards this Court, is to have a strong Party in the Country, and of the private, Secret, Duke Regent.

Mr. Spurre tells me further, That our People think we should not have Occasion for more than eight Ships, Eight which we have at Gottenburg; but they are to know, that they are but of Forty Guns each, so that it is hazardous too much, and expending a great many Troops, for such we should take on the Sea (on) for three or four large Ships would be to give them Chase, and to take them all, we shall have the Eight Ships, which are fifty to seventy Guns, nothing left to be done, would oppose them, and before that could be done the Fleet would be struck.

To conclude, Sir, I wait here for a speedy Yes or No; and I continue to advise you not to send any Moment of this Matter to the Court, for our Ministers themselves are ignorant of it; and know not what Intent they have been obliged to give the Court they have to the full Power which they dispatched. *Aut nunc aut nunquam; now or never*, as well for our Friends as for our selves.

When you have fixed this Affair, at least for what time to the Men of War here, I am very desirous you should come over to meet me in *Holland*, under pretence of being ordered thither; and that you should put the Court in Hopes of returning with an acceptable Offer, to the End we might consult together all the rest for our Enterprise; after which I would set out my self for *Sweden*, to order things for being the more sure of the Execution. I am, Sir, &c.

GORTZ.

I communicate to you the subjoined Copy of the Answer which his Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to give me.

Charles, by the Grace of God, King of the Swedes, Goths and Vandals, Great Prince of Finland, Duke of Schonen, *Estland*, *Livonia*, *Curlia*, *Venden*, *Stettin*, *Pomerania*, *Cassubia*, and *Pomerania*, Prince of *Rügen*, Lord of *Angria* and *Wismar*, Elector of the *Rhine*, Duke of *Bavaria*, *Juliers*, *and Bergues*, &c. do hereby make known, That whereas we have committed to the Skill and Dexterity of the most illustrious and our intirely beloved Baron *Gortz*, Privy-Councillor of the most Serene Duke of *Holstein*, and Master of his Court, various Affairs for our Service,

Service, to be transacted in those Places where he shall reside. And whereas the present Circumstances of the Times and Affairs do not easily permit us we should be able to furnish him with proper Credential Letters (commonly called a full Power) for every several Transaction. To prevent therefore all Delay which might thence arise, we have judged it necessary to constitute by these Presents him the said Baron GORTZ, our Minister Plenipotentiary, and to grant him full Power, as by the Contents of these Presents we do grant him full Power to Treat and Conclude in our Name, with singular Persons of what Condition soever, on all Affairs which may relate to our Service, and to our Interest; Promising on our Royal Word that we will approve and ratify, and put into Execution whatever the said Baron GORTZ shall think fit to do, and conclude. In full Testimony whereof we have caused our Seal to be affixed to these Presents, and signed the same with our own Hand.

Given at Land in Schwes, the 23d Day of
Novr, 1716.

CAROLUS

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Letter from Mr. Stambke to Count Gyldenborg. Hague, January 12, 1717.

YOU will probably ere long, Sir, receive the Instruction you desire concerning the Assistance which is required of you. If it had not been for that single Article, it would have been in my Opinion, that your Brother should have followed my Advice, which was, to say nothing

to you of the intended Voyage; besides that it
 would have surpriz'd you so much the more agree-
 ably, if he had writ to you from *Paris*, instead of
 engaging you to expect to hear from him from
 hence. I am apt to believe your Design of sending
 an Express would not then have been prevented;
 however, I hope you will resume that Design, when
 we have received the Two long Letters of
 the 30th of *December*. I have had Letters from
 hence, which tell me among other Things, That I
 must take Care, that your Friends Bills of Exchange
 be by no Means drawn either upon you or M.
 G., but upon *James Annot*, an *English* Merchant,
 by whom I am to get them accepted.

They say the Court of *England* has thought fit to
 put a virulent Piece against us. I have not seen
 yet, nor know whether they mean the Court of
London, or *Hanover*. In speaking of printed Pieces,
 have you yet seen, Sir, those which I send you
 herewith? In the Uncertainty I am under
 on this Score, I thought my self obliged to com-
 munate them to you, as Pieces that are very well
 approved of.

Your's, &c.

A.E. Stambke.

Letter from Baron Gortz to Count Gyllen-
 borg. Paris 13. Jan. 1717.

I am to acquaint you, That our Friends here are
 charmed with my Scheme. They have caused
 an Hundred Thousand Livres to be paid me
 and have promised to get the rest paid to me
 to the Sum of One Million of Florins. I
 go therefore and give Orders for working with
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all Dispatch possible on the Men of War, and
providing and bringing together all Necessary
shall even go back with an Expedition to
whence you will have further Advice from
shall wait there with Impatience the coming
Express, and of the Person who is to speak
Physician.

I am, &c.

GORTZ

Letter from Mr. Gustavus Gyllenborg
C. Gyllenborg. Paris 13 Jan. 1717

Sir, My dearest Brother,

After the Baron had signed the Letter
ordered me to tell you, in his Name
it is absolutely necessary our Friends should
come speedily, and cause the Money to be
and paid to us, without any Delay; for
we cannot have the Men of War from this
Time enough.

I beg you will believe me to be, &c.

Gust. Gyllenborg

Letter from Count Gyllenborg to
Gortz at Paris. London Jan. 1717

1717.

THE Day before Yesterday, I received
of your Excellency's of the 8th, with
of his Majesty's full Power; upon which
must beg Leave to know if your Excellency

have me henceforward add the Title of Plenipotentiary to the Direction of your Letters.

As to our Affair, I went immediately to one of the Principal of my Friends, and without taking Notice of any Coldness of the Gentlemen in France, I told him, in Order to engage him to speak, that I had just receiv'd your Excellency's Orders to give such an Acquittance as had been demanded of me. He seem'd very well pleased, and told me in Answer, That he who had the Direction of the whole Affair, being gone again into the Country, and being not to return before *Saturday* next, nothing could be done till *Sunday*; but that then he question'd not but I should be satisfy'd. We shall see what that Gentleman will say at his Return; and in Case the Gentlemen in France have not made my Friends here alter their Opinion, (as I do not yet find that they have) I hope all will go as we would have it; and in Case that should not happen so, I am very much of your Excellency's Opinion, that we should leave all these Gentlemen to their ill Destiny, and go another Way to Work.

My Whig Friend was charm'd with your Excellency's Letter, which he read over and over. Many of the same Party begin to change their Language in our Favour. I send my Brother a little Piece, which is just publish'd at my Charge, and writ in a pretty moderate Stile. There is something in it of my own. What is said in the Postscript in Praise of the Prince, is in Order to gain the Prince's Party, which is already well inclined toward us.

If your Excellency thinks it proper to order me over to *Holland*, I should be of Opinion, That you should send the like Orders to *Monf. Festum*, on Pretence that you would receive Information from him both together, concerning the Posture of Affairs here,

here, with Regard to our common Interests, would not give any Umbrage, and one might find out Ways of avoiding them.

Several Merchants here are now pressing your Excellency's Passes, to send from hence from Ships to Danzig and Celsingborg, and to carry thence Corn to Stockholm, for Iron, which they bring back hither. I promised them to apply your Excellency's Orders thereupon; as likewise Relation to the Ships, which they would have Hurrings, as well to Stockholm as to Gottaborg.

I find my Brother Copies of the Answers I received from Island. If the Quantity of Corn great, and is to be deliver'd soon, we shall be oblig'd to send for it from all Parts, otherwise shall have enough here.

I have the Honour to be, &c,

Carl. Gyllenborg.

Letter from Baron Gortz to Count Gyllenborg. Paris, 16 Jan. 1717.

I Have just now received here your Letters of the 2, 4 and 7, you may depend upon it, Sir, assure your Friends, that the Expedition to Island does at present take up all our Thoughts and Attention. It will depend but upon two Things; is the procuring four or five Ships of War, and the other is Money. I know where to get the first, but I can do nothing without the other. I cannot take the Contracts that are offered me. Your Friends take Care to remove that Obstacle, and to provide for the other Squadron. There is not a Moment to lose. The Time is very short. Our Friends on this Side have assured me, That the Money should be re-

by forthwith. By your Letters I am to believe there
 are Twenty thousand Pounds ready. I herewith send
 you the Acquittance, which I have given here, that
 you may draw yours conformably to it, which you
 will exchange hereafter for mine, which I will send
 you, after you have let me know the Names of the Cre-
 ditors, and that you have received the Money. We are
 here agreed upon the Plan of our Enterprise, and I am
 provided a Man to be sent to Holland, who will bring
 us what further Informations may be wanting. You
 may likewise assure your Friends, that our Cause will
 certainly be of the Party; but I counsel you to give
 nothing in Writing about this Negotiation, except
 what relates to the Acquittances upon the Foot above
 mentioned.

I don't expect to hear from you any more here, but
 in Holland, and if your Man should have been get-
 tider in my Absence, he would have found himself
 fully instructed.

I herewith send you back the Contracts, signed
 according to your Desire. The positive Promise of
 having them have I now, puts me under some Diffi-
 culty, because I had no Thoughts of preparing for
 so great a Quantity. As to your Money, you may
 keep on Account of what you shall receive, Four
 thousand Crowns. I have not yet proposed to the
 King that Augmentation, but I am in Hopes of ob-
 taining it for you.

In the mean Time, employ all your Skill in order
 to give the Court all the Trouble that is possible in
 the next Parliament, in Relation to their Conduct in
 the Affairs of the North; and tell me from whence
 proceeds the good Disposition, wherein *Wales*
 seems to be.

I am, &c.

GORTZ
A Copy

*A Copy annex'd to the Letter of Baron Gortz
to Count Gyllenborg. Paris, Janu-
ary 16; 1717.*

I The underwritten Plenipotentiary of his
Majesty the King of Sweden, acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter of the 10th of
January last, for the Service of
his Majesty, the Sum of
New Rixdallers, which the said
has found Means of lending to his said
Majesty, I promise
Date of his Majesty, in Virtue of the full
which I have from his said Majesty, and which
have produced in this Form, to come to be
paid or his Order,
Space of two Years, to commence from the
this Acquittance, so that every four Months
shall be paid a fourth Part of the Principal, with
with Interest, at the Rate of one Half per Cent
Month, and so on to the full Payment of the
Sum. In Virtue and Token whereof I have sign'd
Presents at Paris, the Eleventh Day of January, 1717.
The Baron de Gortz

*Letter from Count Gyllenborg to
Gortz. London Jan. 18, 1717.*

SIR,
My Friend that directs the whole Affair,
back from the Country last Saturday Night,
as I had the Honour to acquaint your Excellency
he would in my last. He hath this Day acquainted
me, that upon a Letter which he had received from

my Lord Mar, to remit forthwith Twenty thousand
Pounds into *France*, to the Queen Dowager of En-
gland, who was to pay it to do, he had actually re-
mitted that Money, which he hoped was already
paid to your Excellency. He ask'd my Pardon, for
not having communicated this to me sooner, having
been obliged to go into the Country the Moment
the Affair was dispatched. He added, that he had
sifted farther Orders from my Lord Mar, with
respect to the Place where the rest of the Money
should be paid. I doubt not but that Baron Bore
has already had Advice of all this, and that he has
represented your Excellency with it, which however,
I beg you would forthwith let me know, that I may
quench the Minds of my Friends here, who imagine
that the said Baron does not act in Concert with
your Excellency, in an Affair wherein the least Mis-
understanding might do a great deal of Mischief. I
have told them, that your Excellency design'd that
I should come to you in *Holland* to concert every
thing with you, with which they were very well
satisfied: But I have told them, that I will not go
thither with empty Hands, and that they ought at
least to get Ten Thousand Pounds ready for me to
carry with me. I have also desired them to get me
a Letter from the Brother of the Czar's Physician,
which might serve to introduce me to him, if your
Excellency thought fit to employ me to speak to him.
I cannot express to your Excellency my Concern,
that the Affair above-mention'd should have taken a
Turn which I did not expect, and which for ought I
know, may not be pleasing to your Excellency, even
my Friends are dissatisfy'd at it, every Thing being
done unknown to them. But as they are obliged to
have great Regard for the Director of the Affair,
who is a Person of very great Consequence, they must
seem

Count de Sainsfeld. If your Excellency should think it proper for me to come to *Holland*, I am your Obedient therein, that I may take my Measure.

After I had written these Lines, I received Favour of your Excellency's of the 11th from whence I perceive with a great Deal of Assurance, that our Affair is begun. I read it to my Friends, who told me that that was the sum which he had spoken to me some Days ago, which I mentioned in one of my Letters, and then believed it to be Eight thousand Pounds, that it was but Six thousand five hundred, which exactly answers that which hath been said to your Excellency, and which makes Past Twenty thousand Pounds that have been said. He has promised me to hasten the rest, but I think that it would be necessary that our Friends from whom they expect the Order, pray them to dispatch it with all Haste. He has given me Hopes that I shall have a good Sale when I go to *Holland*. My former Letters the 2, 4, 8, and 14 Instant, have told your Excellency why I did not lead away the Expects: Your Excellency has seen the Declaration of the *Danish* Government against the Importation of Corn and hitherto my Merchants are not abash'd, but have been with me to Day to complain of us, whilst their Correspondents in *Holland* desire the Freight for them *English* Ships to go to *Sweden* for Sale to be carried into *Sweden*, promising me and them your Excellency's Passes, I have had the Difficulty of giving them those very Passes, and I well knew that all those Things might be done with more Secrecy than in *Holland*; where the last Step that we made was known, as might be

seen, amongst other Things, by the Declaration of
Denmark.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

Carl. Gyllenberg.

Letter from Count Gyllenberg to Baron
Gortz. London 23 January 1717.

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The Day before Yesterday I received the Favor
of your Excellency's of the Sixteenth. The in-
closed Triplicate of that which I had the Honour to
send your Excellency by the last Post, will show you
the Point that our Affair is in. In the mean Time I
have told our Friends that your Excellency found my
Voyage to England absolutely necessary, in Order to
consult with me the necessary Measures for the Inter-
ests; but that your Excellency would by no Means
leave us far from home without carrying with me
what Money should be necessary. Thus it therefore
happens them now to make the best Use of the Time
which was so precious to me, and to put me in a Con-
dition of going with the first Opportunity.

They promised me to do their best, that my Voyage
should not be deferr'd longer than the End of the next
Week. In Case I can by that Means bring them to
finish their Disbarment, it will afterwards depend
on your Excellency's Plesure, whether I shall go to
by my Respects to you or not.

Your Excellency is continually giving me fresh
Proofs of your Kindness; that of allowing me to take
four thousand Crowns for my own Use, is so signal
one, that I don't know which Way to acknowledge
it. An inviolable Respect, and a sincere Attachment
to your Excellency, are the only Things by which I
am able to express my Gratitude to you. I in-

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I intend forthwith to make Use of the
Contracts. If the Money could have been
here, we need not have promised Iron in Pay-
ment, but that could not be; I was forced to take
that Method, and it will be necessary for us to have
our Credit. The Merchant, whose Memorial is en-
closed, being the Person with whom I shall
my Trade to *Dantzick*, I most humbly beg your
Excellency will let him have the Pass he desires,
as he is an honest Man, and zealously affect-
ing us. I question not but your Excellency will
Pleasure, show him this Mark of Distinction,
will also be necessary that I should, as soon as pos-
sible, have your Excellency's Passes for the
which by Virtue of the Contract are to be
hence to *Dantzick* and *Koenigsberg*, and from
to *Spain*, as his wife Passes, allowing them
to go to *Spain*, to go in the Ports of *Spain*,
Iron, in Case they should find none in the

Your Excellency may be assured that
all in my Power to traverse the ill Designs
Enemies. The printed Piece enclosed, I
have spoken entirely as an Englishman, in
Specimen of what is to follow. I don't know
whether *Mrs. Wolpe's* Expectations were the
his first Rage, on Account of his Banishment
my Lord *Townsend's* being removed, or
they came from his Heart. We shall be
able to judge of those Gentlemen after the
Arrival; when it will appear what *Gibson*
have to be satisfied; for it is from thence they
will form their Scheme of Politicks.

It is strongly reported here, That your
Majesty has made a Declaration, that the King
waived all Preliminary Demands, has accepted
Emperor's Mediation, and agreed to send

in Brunswick. I most humbly beg that
you will let me know what Truth there is

in the Ratification of the Contract with N———
which is nothing more than just such a
one as your Excellency's Name, as that which
I have received, and which I have exchanged with
the Contractors; wherefore I hope your Ex-
cellency will lend it me with the first Opportunity.
I have the Honour to be, &c.

Carl. Gyllenberg.

Letter from Baron Gortz to Count Gyllen-
berg, Paris 27, January 1717.

One of the Eighteenth, with the Duplicate, is
now safe to my Hands. Your Friends are in-
clined to imagine that Mr. Sparre and I do not
interfere in this Affair. He has communicated
nothing to me with the greatest Exactness, and
has authorized himself to enter upon this Af-
fair to receive the Money, he has left all to
me. I have even put into his Hands Ac-
counts, where the Sum is left in Blank, that he
may make use of them in my Absence as soon as the
Money comes. The Friends which are in France
we writ to, to press those in England to furnish
as possible the Million of Dutch Guilders
we have agreed on; and I must needs tell
that I cannot take the least Step in Relation
to the Ships, which are absolutely necessary to the
Carrying on this Enterprize, before I am in Pos-
session of the Money. If I should begin, and
the Money should not come, the Sum
employed

employ'd upon this Occasion would be lost. To speak of the Disgrace it would be for me to be entred upon an Affair, without being able to go through with it.

As for your Voyage into *Holland*, that depends on the Payment of this Money. When I have secured that Point, you will do me a favour in coming over to me, furnished with all the Informations tending to the Execution of our Business which may still be wanting. I will write next to *Petras* to come along with you.

As for Passes, you must needs have some sent you; however, for fear you should not, I send herewith three more, which you will make use of as you shall see Occasion.

What do the *English* say to the Prohibition established by the *Dowry* against all Navigation? Would it not be convenient to expose a little proceeding? I have nothing further to add, but I remember, Sir, you had formerly Thought of demanding of the King of *England* the Execution of the Guaranty of the Treaties as Election of *Amsterdam* and that the King was mightily pleased with the Thought. If you think any Use may still be made of it, I will desire the Favour of you to send the Draught of your Memorial, and to communicate it to me. I am, &c.

GORTZ

Letter from Baron Gortz, to Secretary
Stambke at the Hague.

Jan. 31. 1717.

A According to Letters from *England*, there have been a very considerable Sum of Money

by Bishopal. I hope Count Gyllenberg has taken
 to find you Advice of it. There should like-
 ly be arrived some one to serve as Interpreter
 between the Czar's Physician and me. You may
 come, set him to work to sound the Czar's
 intentions, and to learn his lowest Terms.

from Baron Gortz, to Secretary
 Stambke at the Hague. Paris,
 Feb. 5. 1717.

They assure me here, that a considerable Remit-
 tance has been made into *Holland*. I hope you
 have been look'd upon as sufficiently authorized
 to receive it.

from Mr. Gust. Gyllenberg, to
 Count Gyllenberg. Paris the 6th of
 February, 1717.

My dearest Brother,
 I am commanded to acquaint you from Baron
 Gortz, that he is preparing to set out Post for
 the Hague in a Day or two at furthest, that he desires
 to see you there, and that you would bring with
 you the Money which has been agreed on, that we
 may be able to set Things a going. You will also be
 desired to bring with you a Scheme, that he may
 afterwards settle every Thing with you.
 As he arrives at the *Hague*, he will write to
 you, but he thought fit to let you know of it
 now, that you may be ready to set out as soon as
 he comes.

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As our Stay at this Place has been so long, Baron Gorta has been so kind as to lend me, with what Money I have had occasion for, I have bought me, since I have been here, a Suit of Cloth, a Perriwig, a Hat, Stockings; the whole cost me to 700 French Livres, which makes about 300 Guilders; but you must understand that I have constantly at a publick House.

The Ambassador, the Envoy, and Mr. de la Fend their Services to you. I beg you will send the Countess and your Daughter of my most humble Respects, and believe me to be more than ever your living,

Sir, my dearest Brother,

Your most Humble,

And most Obedient Son,

G. Gyllenborg

*Letter from Mr. Gustavus Gyllenborg
Count Gyllenborg. Paris Feb. 17 1717*

Sir, my dearest Brother,

WE are still here: But shall certainly be in some few Days. And Baron Gorta order'd me to acquaint you from him, that the next Post he will send you the Letter, which will desire you to come to him in Holland, to say, in Case they procure you the Money. For you may easily imagine, that he be sure of the whole Sum, he will not undertake any Thing; and certainly he will not undertake it, lest for want of Payment he not be in a Condition to carry on all his Affairs being once begun, requires all possible Assistance, so that you are to determine your Voyage,

to what those Gentlemen will do with respect to the
Money.

Letter from Count Gyllenborg to Baron
Gottz at the Hague, London, the
10th of February, 1717.

My Friends have assured me that every Thing
which was agreed on with your Excellency
has been punctually executed as far as relates to the
Money, and that they made no Doubt but your
Excellency would confirm it to me your self in your
next Letter, so that till your Excellency does me
the Honour to advise me of the contrary, I cannot
be contrariet them. However, I take the Liberty
to observe to your Excellency, that the Sum
here will be sent out early, in Order perhaps to
prevent the Defection with which Denmark appears
to be threatened; and that we must therefore lay our
Measures well, to get to Sea before them.

I expect some Pallet from your Excellency by the
first Opportunity. Give me Leave once for all to
acquaint your Excellency, that as on the one Hand
I never suffer'd my Secretary to take the least Gra-
tification on this Account from those, who relying
on our good Faith, have made Contracts with me; so
I hope your Excellency will think it reasonable that
those who, after my Contractors have broken the
Ice, send Corn upon their own Account, should pay
a little for a Distrust which has occasioned me no
small Uneasiness. The English know how to take
Advantage themselves upon the like Occasion; I do
not know why we should not do the same.

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There is a Merchant who hath desired of me
 Pass for a Ship which he wants to send to Stockholm
 with Tobacco; I promised him to write to your
 Excellency about it.

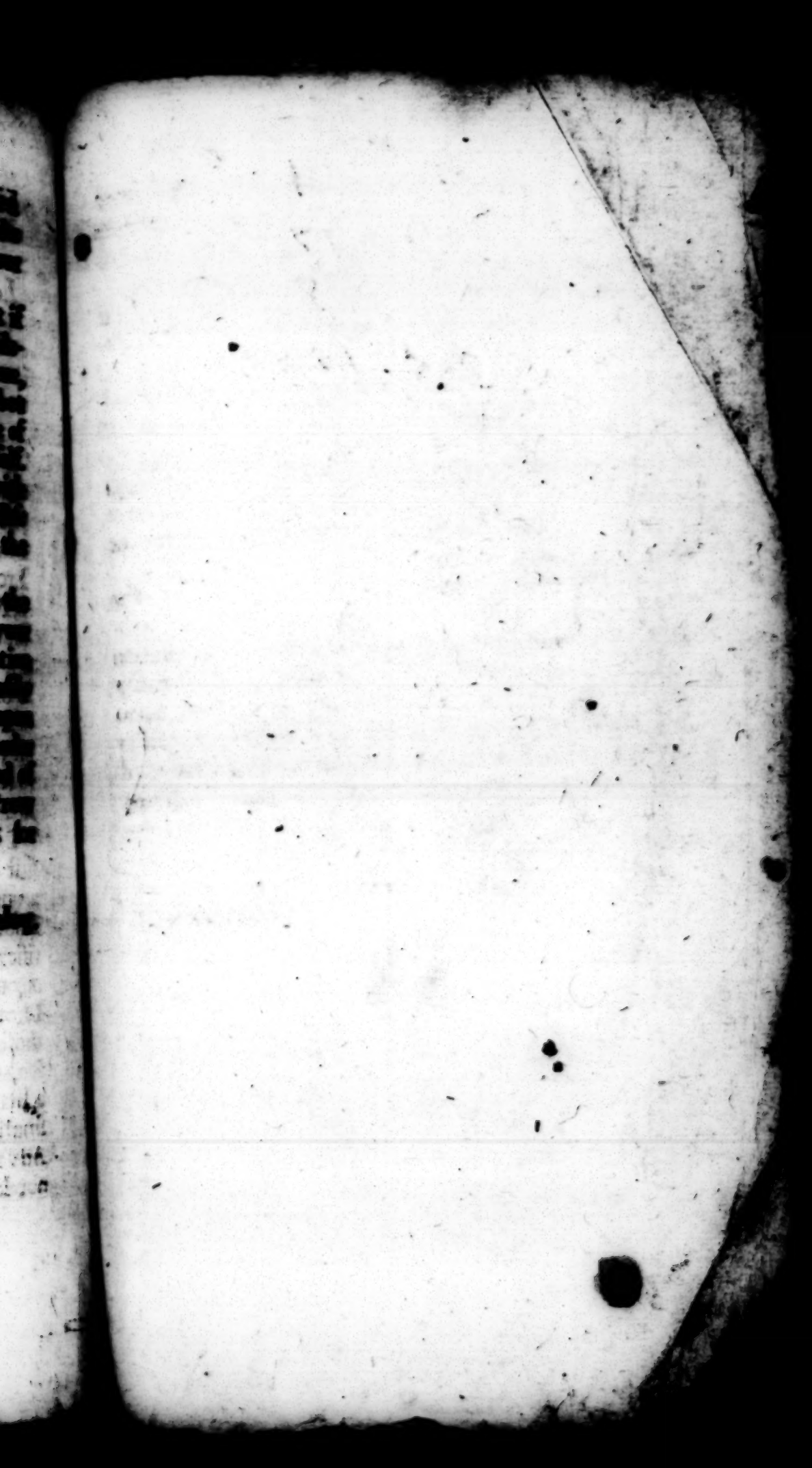
I must take Notice to your Excellency, that
 what has been told me by one of the most confi-
 rable Persons about the King of Great Britain being,
 your Excellency is but little obliged to the Abbot
De Bois for some Expressions which he made use of
 in relation to you. Speaking to the King himself
 my Answer to the Gentleman who trusted me with
 this Secret, was, that I supposed the Abbot *De Bois*
 thought to make his Court by it, as well to the
 King as to the German.

I humbly desire your Excellency, that in Case
 it is in such a Way as our Friends assure me, your
 Excellency would remember your Promise in relation
 to my Appointments. Your Excellency may easily
 conceive the Fatigue which I have at present upon
 my Hands. I beg of you for God's sake, to order
 Matters so that I may in the mean Time be eased of
 the Care where to find my Subsistence: Such a narrow
 Genius as mine cannot certainly be sufficient for
 both;

I have the Honour to be, &c.

Carl. Gyllenborg

THE END



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